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Between the Ottoman Empire and Modern Greece: The Fate of Salonica 'Jerusalem of the Balkans'

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From 1492 until the twentieth century, the city of Salonica--once part of the Ottoman Empire and today the second biggest city in Greece--was home to the largest community of Ladino-speaking Sephardic Jews in the world. This talk focuses on how this once-thriving Jewish community grappled with the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and the rise of modern Greece prior to the devastation of the Holocaust.

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Monday, February 17, 8:00-9:30 PM followed by reception
The Kellogg Center Auditorium

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